

Amendments to the Specification:

After the title, please insert the following subheading and paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] Applicants hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/EP2003/010719 filed September 26, 2003 and German Patent Application No. 202 17 825.0 filed November 18, 2002, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Before paragraph [0002], please insert the following subheading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Technical Field

Before paragraph [0003], please insert the following subheading:

2. Background Art

Please insert the following new paragraphs [0005] and [0006] as follows:

[0005] WO 01/76403 A1 shows a headrest including a helmet-like curved rest shell with openings for the eye parts, mouth and nose and a foam material cushion with corresponding openings for the support of the face.

[0006] US 6,374,441 B1 shows a headrest for supporting the face of a patient with the rest having a board on which a foam material cushion is arranged and into which cushion is cut a contour with a hollow space for the eye parts, mouth and nose.

Before paragraph [0008], please insert the following subheading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend paragraph [0011] as follows:

[0011] Preferably the headrest is made of a rigid rest shell and a support cushion releasably connectable with the shell. In contrast to customary headrests in the case of which for lateral support of the head the cushion must be made very

thick, that is the head sinks relatively far into the cushion, in the case of the solution according to the invention because of the anatomical shape of the headrest the support cushion can be made thinner. The rest shell is advantageously made of plastic which not only simplifies its manufacture, for example by injection molding methods, but also simplifies the cleaning of the rest shell in daily use of it.

Before paragraph [0015], please insert the following subheading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please amend paragraphs [0016] – [0020] as follows:

[0016] Figure 1 is a plan view of the support shell of a first embodiment of the headrest of the invention,

[0017] Figure 2 is a side view of a headrest provided with a support cushion and a fixing belt,

[0018] Figure 3 is a perspective bottom view of a support cushion intended for a support shell according to Figure 1,

[0019] Figure 4 is a partial section through the support shell taken along the line IV-IV in Figure 1, and

[0020] Figure 5 is a plan view corresponding to Figure 1 of a rest shell of a headrest according to a second embodiment of the invention.

Before paragraph [0021], please insert the following subheading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED INVENTION

Please add the following new paragraph [0026]:

[0026] While the present invention has been illustrated and described with respect to a particular embodiment thereof, it should be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art that various modifications to this invention may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention.